

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA**

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INDIAN LABOUR IN UAE
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of Indian labourers working under the Government of UAE has declined;
- (b) if not, the total number of Indian labourers working there at present;
- (c) whether the Government of UAE has formulated any scheme to curtail arrival of unskilled Indian labourers there; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and its likely impact on Indian labourers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. The total number of Indians in UAE at present is approximately ten lakh.

(c) & (d) : Yes, Sir. There is a restriction on the recruitment of unskilled, semi-skilled and skilled workers from India and Pakistan. However, this does not apply to recruitment of professionals. This restriction has been imposed because of (a) demographic imbalance caused by a disproportionate expatriate population as compared to the national population; and (b) to mop up excess supply of labour caused by import of labour by companies for non-existent projects. However, on case-by-case basis, recruitment is still being cleared from India.